

Superior Town Council
Town Council Meeting

Thursday, October 18, 2007
Superior Senior Center
Superior, Arizona

M I N U T E S

A. Call to Order

Mayor Hing called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

B. Salute to the Flag

Mayor Hing led the Town Council, staff and the audience in the Pledge to the Flag.

C. Opening Prayer

Mayor Hing led the Town Council, Staff and audience in an opening prayer.

D. Roll Call

Members Present: Councilmember Cervantes, Councilmember Heglie, Second Vice Mayor Lopez, Mayor Hing, First Vice Mayor Valenzuela, Councilmember Peralta

Members Absent: Councilmember Marquez

A quorum was established and the meeting continued.

F. Consent Agenda

Mayor Hing thanked First Vice Mayor Valenzuela for presiding over the previous meeting during his illness. Mayor Hing introduced the items on the consent agenda. The items on the consent agenda for approval were:

1. Approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting October 4, 2007

Councilmember Cervantes made a motion to approve the consent agenda Councilmember Peralta seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

F. Communications

1. Managers Report – Rosie Cordova

Ms. Cordova reported on various items regarding town business and meetings she had attended.

She explained that she attended the kick off meeting for the small area transportation study and that completion of the study is anticipated in July 2008.

She also reported that the Airport study would be on the November agenda.

Ms. Cordova explained that the General Plan Amendments proposed by the Planning and Zoning commission would be brought to the council for a vote after they hold a final joint work session with Planning and Zoning Commission, the Town Council and the consultant hired to review these changes. She explained that this meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held at the next council meeting prior to the

regular meeting.

She also explained that the final agreement with Resolution has been reviewed by the town's attorney and is now in the hands of Resolutions attorneys for final review.

She also reported that the Main St. Food Court Park is almost complete and that Wildan is expecting completion of the Fire Station within a couple of weeks.

Ms. Cordova and Mayor Hing gave a quick briefing on the Pinal County Summit and explained that anyone from the council wishing to attend should let her know to reserve a space. Mayor Hing explained that this conference was about the open spaces and trails in Pinal County.

Councilmember Heglie asked if there were still available funds from the 2006 CDBG funds were available. Ms. Cordova explained that she just began working on the possibility of building a skate park with the improvement to the pool area. She is looking at using the same contractor rather than going out to bid for the project. He recommended that staff work with the local residents who have a committee to make a skate park. Ms. Cordova added that the project is at the beginning planning stages and once the skateboard park is feasible, then she could meet with a committee to plan the actual design.

1. Parks and Recreation – Ms. Campos gave a brief update on the activities of the Parks and Recreation committee. She publicly thanked FCCLA sponsor Terry Villaverde for working with the club members to host a Senior Citizens Prom. She explained that it was well attended and everyone had a great time.

She stated that Flag Football will be starting soon and they will be meeting with the coaches to discuss game times and practices.

Ms. Campos explained that Omya assisted with welding the new metal basketball nets up at the Roosevelt and at the park and that they will also be assisting with painting the lines on the basketball courts. She also gave a briefing on the mentoring program they would like to start at the school.

Ms. Campos gave an overview and requested permission to use Main St. for the Halloween events. She explained that the FCCLA students would be doing Halloween Carnival Games; the Optimist Club will be selling hotdogs and hamburgers and also giving away pop corn. She also requested usage of either the Belmont Building or the Sewer building for the high school students to make a haunted house. She also stated that they would host the annual costume parade on Main St. and also the Library would be hosting a *Jack-o-Lantern* contest. She explained that Resolution Copper would be providing hot chocolate and cookies and that all residents are encouraged to participate in trunk or treat by distributing candy from their trunks of their cars.

Mayor Hing directed Ms. Campos to work with Ms. Cordova and public works on the logistics of the event and thanked her for her report.

Police Report

Mayor Hing asked Chief Digirolamo to provide a briefing to the council and attendees on the drug bust that had happened the night before. Chief Digirolamo explained that the police department had been working with the Pinal County Drug task force on this particular bust. He explained that due to the ongoing investigation he could not provide any further information but that the bust did cause the arrest of several people and seized 300 blocks of marijuana.

Mayor Hing thanked Chief Digirolamo for their efforts.

A. Call to the Public

Mayor Hing announced the call to the public. He explained that anyone wishing to speak now could only speak directly to the Council and only for items not on the current agenda.

Freddy Miramon – Expressed his concern on how the public works director would be selected. He explained that he would like to see the council take a larger role in this process and that he does not fee that

the town manager should be the only person making that decision. He explained that he thinks the new public works director should be someone who can work more closely with the business owners and residents. He also explained that the public works director should be able or someone from Public Works should be available on a 24 hour basis. Mayor Hing explained that town policy states the hiring of a public works director is at the discretion of the town manager.

A. Business
Possible Discussion and/or action on the following

1. Discuss/Approve/Reject Christmas Celebration organized by Optimist Club.

Ms. Tina Gutierrez, Vice President of the Superior Optimist club and co-chair of the Miracle on Main St. Christmas Festival made a presentation to the council on the annual event. She thanked the Mayor and council for their ongoing support of the Optimist Club and also for the assistance that Town Staff gives when they are working on community projects.

Ms. Gutierrez requested the following support from the town for the event. She requested closure of Main St. from Kellner to Lobb, usage of the Besich Park, Food Court and Bob Jones Park area, assistance with purchasing of toys for the children's stocking and she also requested that the town purchase additional Christmas lights so the park areas could be decorated a little more elaborately. Ms. Gutierrez explained that all community organizations are encouraged to get involved with the event.

Councilmember Peralta made a motion to purchase \$500 worth of items for the stockings and purchase a couple hundred dollars of lights for the event. Councilmember Heglie seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

1. Discuss/Approve/Reject new salary schedule for Town Employees.

Ms. Cordova explained that she made the changes that were requested by the council from the work session held on October 11, 2007. She explained that this new salary schedule showed a 1-99 schedule of pay rates and that these new rates would take effect on October 14, 2007 for the Police department and other key positions that were discussed.

Councilmember Peralta clarified that with this new system raises would only be given after the evaluations done. Ms. Cordova confirmed that raises would not be given until a successful evaluation was done. Councilmember Peralta made a motion to approve the salary schedule. Councilmember Heglie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Discuss/Approve/Reject declaring some vehicles, equipment and furniture as surplus items and authorizing staff to trade and/or conduct a public auction for the sale of those items.

Chief Digirolamo explained that there are currently several vehicles and some equipment that needs to be either traded or sold at auction. He explained that he recently attended a meeting at the school regarding holding an auction and found out that if they came and held the auction here the company would keep 15% of the gross sales but with this option they would handle all the advertising and collection of monies. The other would be to pay the auction company \$75.00 to \$100 per car and have them take the vehicles to a larger auction where they would only keep 4.4% of the gross sale receipts.

Chief Digirolamo explained that he would recommend having the company take the vehicles to a larger auction because they really did not have enough items for a large auction so they may not gather a huge attendance. He also stated that the weapons the department needs to get rid of could be sold to a licensed weapons dealer; he explained this is a safer way to do it rather than having to administer the gun permits

Ms. Cordova explained that the council would need to make a motion for the Chief/Staff to proceed with the auction and decide later the details of the auction.

Councilmember Heglie made a motion for the Police Department to proceed with selling the vehicles through an auction and selling the weapons to a weapons dealer. Councilmember Peralta seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Discuss/Approve/Reject letter of support to authorize school to sell park property funded with Town Grant Monies.

Councilmember Cervantes explained that the school is trying to sell the Roosevelt School Buildings and that the property around the school is considered a community park which was developed with Heritage Grant Funds through the town. He explained that Ms. Boxer had done some research which explained that if a private developer purchased the school then they would either have to keep the park or have to relocate the park at the developer's expense. Questions and discussion followed regarding how long the land must remain a park, the town needing a formal request from the school and also if there would be any financial implications on the town in regards to not fulfilling on the grant requirements.

Mayor Hing explained that one of the grants required the land remain a park forever (everlasting).

Mr. Cervantes explained that although he brought this item to council he was not representing the school board or the school district.

Ms. Cordova recommended that council table the item until the school sends a formal request regarding this item.

Ms. Rabago (public comment) explained that it would be a good idea for the Town to purchase the building and make that town hall and create an area for the public to use for community meetings and events.

Mr. Preciado (public comment) also explained that currently many community groups are allowed to use the building and he requested that the town and the school work closely together to read through all the IGA's pertaining to this property.

Mayor Hing explained that Mr. Guzman has requested a joint meeting of the Town Council and School Board to discuss these items. He also explained that the town would like to see a new town complex built rather than refurbishing an old building. He explained that the town could begin saving and banking monies to build the buildings.

Councilmember Heglie made a motion to table agenda item number four. Second Vice Mayor Lopez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Discuss/Approve/Reject Resolution 463. A resolution of the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Superior, Pinal County, Arizona pertaining to employee purchase of duty weapon upon retiring or termination in good standing from the Police Department.

Chief Digirolamo explained that most police departments allow retiring officers to purchase their duty weapons at a reasonable price if they are retiring from the department. He explained that this would not be allowed for anyone terminating from the department only those who are retiring or leaving based on a medical retirement. He explained that in order for this policy to take effect the council would need to pass a resolution. He stated that the cost to the retiring member would be \$100. He explained that a new weapon costs approximately \$400 to \$500.

The council also discussed with chief Digirolamo other procedures and protocol when an officer retires. He explained that the department purchases a retired badge and with the current officer retiring they would be holding a small retirement event for the department staff.

First Vice-Mayor Valenzuela made a motion to approve the resolution but removing the word termination so the policy would only apply to retiring members of the police department. Councilmember Peralta seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Discuss/Approve/Reject Ordinance 95. An ordinance of the Town of Superior, Arizona authorizing the Town Mayor or the Town Manager to execute an assignment and assumption of declarants rights agreement with BHP Copper, Inc., a Delaware Corporation, pertaining to the Superior Industrial Park; and assuming and accepting all of the rights, duties and obligations of the declarants under that certain first amended and restated declaration of covenants, conditions, and restrictions for Superior Industrial Property dated as of October 6, 1999.

Ms. Cordova explained that this was the second reading of the resolution and once read and approved the

ordinance would take affect in 30 days.

Ms. Cordova gave the second reading of the resolution.

Councilmember Peralta made a motion to approve Ordinance 95. Second Vice Mayor Lopez seconded the motion. The motion was approved with 5 votes in favor and 1 against.

Mayor Hing announced that there would not be an executive session.

I. Council Comments

Councilmember Peralta
No Comment

Councilmember Heglie
Reminded everyone to attend the Halloween Festivities and be safe.

Councilmember Cervantes
No Comment

Second Vice Mayor Lopez
No Comment

First Vice Mayor Valenzuela
No Comment

Mayor Hing
Mayor Hing reminded everyone to attend the Halloween events and be safe.

J. Executive Session – Was not held

K. In Public Session

Executive Session Discussion

A. Adjournment

Second Vice Mayor Lopez made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Heglie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Superior held on the 18th Day of October 2007. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

/s/Rosie Cordova
Rosie Cordova, Town Manager/Clerk

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